

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Ralph Henderson called the meeting to order at 7PM. Pledge of allegiance. All members present. Council member Dave Benefiel moved to approve minutes from December 22, 2010 Council meeting. Council member Harry Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Council member Benefiel moved to approve minutes from January 5, 2011 special Council meeting. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment of APV's. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Police Car Bids – Three sealed bids were received by mail. 1.) Debaugh bid \$466.00. 2.) Asia Motors bid \$1,139.00. 3.) Chicago Motors bid \$1,444.00. Council member Benefiel moved to accept bid from Chicago Motors for \$1,444.00. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- B. Adam Downey with M.D. Wessler was present to inform Council that the current Amendment to Services Agreement for pretreatment services is up for renewal. This will remain at the current rate. Council member Benefiel moved to approve renewal of contract. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. Mr. Downey also informed the Council that IDEM is expecting a plan in writing for closing the abandoned lagoon by next week. IDEM is requiring specifically an estimated schedule of when and how it will be closed. The Town can either close it using Town employees and resources or the Town has the option to bid out the work. Council member Benefiel moved for Mr. Downey and Town Attorney Jennifer Messer to work together to get a bid written. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Clerk Treasurer Reber reported that there is still \$200,000 left of contingency money and this might be able to be used to close the abandoned lagoon. This is still being looked into.
- D. It was suggested that Jack Brinson and Nathan Arnold be reappointed to the Redevelopment Commission Board. Council member Benefiel so moved to reappoint Mr. Brinson and Mr. Arnold. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. No report.

IV. CLERK TREASURER

- A. Tax rates have changed for employees. FICA has decreased from 6.2% to 4.2%. The Federal rates have gone up some though. Due to this all employees will fill out new W-2 Forms.
- B. Three residents have reported water leaks and all would like permission to have their Sewer bill adjusted. Council member Benefiel moved to approve adjustments. President Henderson 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. Clerk Treasurer Reber is currently working on a spreadsheet on the cost of employees so a new Salary Ordinance can be worked on.
- D. Fund Reports were passed out to the Council.

- E. The new Police car was originally put in the 2011 Budget, but since it was purchased in 2010 it is being looked into if the other Police car can be paid off from this appropriation in the 2011 Budget.
- V. POLICE
 - A. No report.
- VI. LEGAL
 - A. An application for a permit to put up noise signs has been signed.
 - B. HUD will soon be releasing property that the Town would like to see formally declared unsafe to City Mortgage. Once this happens the Town can then file a lawsuit. Council member Benefiel moved for lawsuit to be filed once the property is in possession of City Mortgage. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- VII. WATER/WASTEWATER/STREETS
 - A. All Noise Ordinance signs have been put up except on US 52.
 - B. The old street sweeper works but is not needed by the Town. Council member Benefiel moved to surplus old street sweeper. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
 - C. Prices for a gator vehicle are being looked into.
- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
 - A. Alternate trucks routes signs may want to be looked into.

Ralph Henderson
President

Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer